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1. SUMMARY. SOVDEL ENTERTAINED USDEL AT DINNER NOV. 14 AT WHICH TIME CERTAIN HOSTS DELIBERATELY SOUGHT OUT U. S. GUESTS FOR SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS. NUMEROUS BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS INDICATED SOVIET UNDERSTANDING OF U. S. NEGATIVE REACTION TO SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT AND EAGERNESS TO MAKE PROGESS IN NEGOTIATIONS, NOT NECESSARILY BASED ON SOVIET DRAFT. END SUMMARY.

2. SOVIET DRAFT AGREEMENT. TRUSOV (TO ROWNY, A-470) STRESSED THREE MAIN POINTS: (A) THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE MANEUVER ROOM IN THEIR PROPOSAL BUT IT WAS UP TO THE U. S. TO PROBE, THUS GIVING SOVIET SIDE AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW U. S. SIDE WHERE SUCH ROOM EXISTED, (B) CERTAIN FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES COULD ONLY BE DECIDED AT A HIGHER LEVEL, AND (C) IT WAS ESSENTIAL THAT WE CONTINUE THE DIALOGUE TO SHOW "MOVEMENT".

3. GRINEVSKY ADVISED EARLE (A-477) THAT WE MUST MAKE PROGRESS. GRINEVSKY WOULD BE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE FROM SOVIET DRAFT, U. S. COUNTERDRAFT OR "BLANK PIESE OF PAPER".

4. WHEN U. S. PARTICIPANTS (AUSLAND, STOERTZ, AND IFFT, A-476)
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NOTED THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT HAD NOT ADVANCED THE NEGOTIATIONS

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AND POINTED OUT ITS VARIOUS ONE-SIDED FEATURES, CHULITSKY
AND OBUKHOV RESPONDED THAT THE DRAFT COULD BE CHANGED AND
AMENDED. THE BALL WAS IN THE U. S. COURT AND THE U. S. SHOULD
MAKE CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN THOSE AREAS WHERE IT DISAGREES.
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